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1. The following observations were made at Merseburg airfield between 5 and 19 June 1952:

5 June. Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., there was flying activity at the field.

6 June. Between 8:40 a.m. and 2 p.m., flights were made in elements of two and in flights of 5 or 6 planes. The individual formations remained in the air for 40 to 50 minutes. The sky was partly cloudy.

7 June. Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., only individual and local flights were made by a MiG-15 [ ] and a type-29 [ ]

10 June. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., local flying was practiced at the field.

11 June. Between 7:40 a.m. and 2 p.m. there was air activity by planes flying individually, in elements of two and in flights of 5 planes or 6 planes. [ ]

12 June. Between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., local flights were made in partly cloudy weather.

13 June. Flying was practiced between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

14 and 15 June. No air activity was observed.

16 June. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. individual and local flights were made. The cloud base was at an altitude of 800 meters.

17 June. Between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., aircraft with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced formation flying in elements of two and in flights. [ ] two aircraft of an element which remained aloft for 62 minutes.

18 June. Between 4 a.m. and 6 p.m., there was flying in groups of two and in flights. "MiG-15 [ ] and fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks flew for 65 minutes.

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19 June. Formation flying in elements of two and in flights was observed during the morning and afternoon. At 11:25 a.m., four flights of MiG-15s took off from the field heading east. Sixteen aircraft landed at the field at 12:20 p.m.

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In the afternoon, local flying in elements of two was practiced by four planes. At 7 p.m., 28 parked MiG-15s were counted at the field.

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2. Between 13 and 19 June, no changes were observed on the AA gun emplacements at Merseburg airfield. \*\* Personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed entering and leaving the field.

3. Motor vehicles observed at the field both driven by soldiers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, and truck driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 13 June, flying was conducted by MiG-15s, type-29s and other twin-engine aircraft. After 2 p.m., there was air activity by jet fighters which took off individually and remained aloft for about 20 minutes. At 3:30 p.m., a MiG-15 approached to land at the field. Its landing gear was not extended. The plane skidded beyond the end of the runway by 300 to 400 meters. \*\*\*

\* Comment. A type-29 plane was previously not only observed in Merseburg but also at Alt-Loemewitz and Zerbst airfields at different times. It appears that type-29 aircraft which are used for training purposes are temporarily detached to various fighter units on request.

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\*\* Comment. The AA gun emplacements were previously reported.

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\*\*\* Comment. The report confirms the previous information on the new fighter regiment stationed at Merseburg airfield. The 28 MiG-15s observed on 19 June represent almost the total strength of the regiment which, according to previous information, is exactly 31 MiG-15s. Most of the aircraft arrived during the last months. The planes must have arrived by air since no rail shipments were observed going to Merseburg. which were once observed in Koethen some time before, support the assumption that the new MiG-15s arrived in Merseburg by air coming from Koethen. About half of the reported aircraft numbers were observed for the first time. In June, the new fighter regiment in Merseburg still practiced flying with individual planes and formation flying in elements of two and flights as in May.

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